## ABSTRACT

A method and a device for operating a drive unit in a vehicle permit convenient transformation of a specified speed. A setpoint for at least one output variable of the drive unit is specified, and in at least one operating state of the drive unit, a setpoint for an operating variable of the drive unit is also specified, the at least one output variable of the drive unit being specified in this operating state regardless of its setpoint in the sense of approximating an actual value for the operating variable to the setpoint for the operating variable.

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